

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020**

A quorum of the board convened at the offices of the NH Division of Personnel located at 54 Regional Drive in Concord, NH at 8:30 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Gail Wilson, Attorney Jason Major, Marilee Nihan, and Attorney Norman Patenaude who acted as presiding officer.

The Board conducted prehearing planning conferences on the following appeals:

1. **Brown Massaquoi** - # 2020-T-009 – This case was carried over to another future prehearing conference because the appellant failed to provide a copy of his appeal to the employer.
2. **Triana Perez-Collazo** - # 2020-T-007 – The appellant did not appear today and her counsel has withdrawn his representation because she has not responded to any of counsel's communications. The Board will issue a conditional default order to the appellant.
3. **Scott Brightman** - # 2020-T-011 – The parties selected Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. as the date for a full-day hearing on the merits.
4. **Asa Bourrie** - #2020-T-013 – The parties selected Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 9:00 as the date for a full-day hearing on the merits.
5. **Brett Parenteau** –#2019-T-002 – The parties selected all day Wednesday, August 12 and all day Thursday, August 13, 2020 as the dates for the 2-day hearing on the merits.
6. **James Decker** – #2020-D-006 – The parties requested and were granted a second prehearing before proceeding to a hearing on the merits by offers of proof scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.
7. **Melissa Simmons** -#2018-T-013 – The parties selected all day Wednesday, October 7 and all day Thursday, October 8, 2020 as the dates for the 2-day hearing on the merits.
8. **Rodney Gagne** - #2020-D-003 – The parties selected 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2020 as the date for the hearing on the merits by offers of proof.

9. **Denise Gallagher** - #2020-O-001 – The parties requested and were granted a second prehearing with regard to the denial of the appellant’s salary step increase.
10. **Paul Mansur** - # 2020-D-002 – The parties requested and were granted a second prehearing on this appeal.

#### **HEARING ON THE MERITS BY OFFERS OF PROOF**

**Cheryl Cizewski** - #2020-D-004 - The Board conducted a hearing on the merits of this appeal by way of offers of proof. Following the conclusion of the presentations, the Board held a deliberative session. A decision by the Board will be rendered within 45 days of the hearing.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. **James Gosselin** – 2020-T-006 – This hearing originally scheduled for June 3, 2020, will be rescheduled to another date mutually agreed upon by the parties.
2. **Rebecca Pinard** - #2019-T-006 – This hearing remains scheduled for June 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in a format yet to be determined.
3. **Russell Horne** - #2020-D-005 – This hearing originally scheduled for May 20, 2020, will be rescheduled to another date mutually agreed upon by the parties.
4. **Michael Feinauer** - #2018-T-010 – According to DOP administrative staff, the original bank records the Board received for this case were mailed to the appellant’s attorneys for them to redact specific personal financial information pursuant to an earlier order of the Board.
5. **Office Procedures** - The Board discussed office procedures with DOP administrative staff.

The Board selected Thursday, July 16, 2020, to conduct the next series of prehearing conferences.

The meeting concluded at 11:00 a.m.

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